

# COUNTERFEITERS ARE CAPTURED.

Have Been Operating in New York for Two Years.

# COINS ALMOST PURE SILVER

Good Work of Secret Service—Zeal of a Policeman Nearly Frustrated a Well Laid Scheme.

Washington, Jan. 5.—For at least two months the secret service people have been at work to discover the makers of a large number of all silver counterfeit coins, mostly quarters and halves, which have been freely circulated in New York City during the past two years. Last night and today officials of the secret service of the treasury department, under Chief Wilkie's direction, arrested five Paris and seven companions, all Italians. The coins being of almost pure silver, 900 fine, and fairly well made, they readily passed where they were presented, and rendered extremely difficult the task of locating the makers. The arrests came at the time of the trial of the counterfeiters. The men were taken to the secret service building, where they were held for further examination. The men were taken to the secret service building, where they were held for further examination. The men were taken to the secret service building, where they were held for further examination.

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Chief Wilkie said today that this gang probably was responsible for at least 90 per cent of all the silver counterfeit coins which have been put in circulation in New York during the last two years.

Spanish Ministerial Crisis.

Madrid, Jan. 5.—It seems certain that a ministerial crisis will occur after the suspension of the sittings of the cham-

# MYSTERIOUS KIDNAPPING CASE.

A mother and grandmother running hysterically about town, looking for a three-year-old girl, who had been kidnapped by its father, was the cause of a great deal of excitement at the police headquarters in this city and Ogden between eight and ten o'clock last night, and incidentally kept the telephone wires between the cities affected at a white heat.

Last evening, Mrs. Nesbitt and her daughter, Mrs. Maggie Kempland, rushed breathlessly into the police station and asked to see Chief Hilton. When an audience with the chief was obtained, Mrs. Kempland burst into tears and informed the officer that her husband, George Kempland, had deserted her and had stolen their three-year-old daughter.

After telling her story to the chief, Mrs. Kempland rushed out to continue her search for the missing child. Later she came back to the station and said that she had reason to believe that her husband had taken the train for the north, presumably for Spokane, Wash.

Chief Hilton at once communicated with the police authorities at the Junction city, and the chief of police there replied that he would have a man watch the train.

Soon afterwards the telephone bell began to ring like mad. The message was from the chief of police at Ogden, and announced that Mr. Kempland and his little daughter had arrived at Ogden, and were on their way to Spokane.

# CAPE COLONY CABINET MEETS

An Emergency Meeting Held to Consider Situation.

# BOERS RELEASE PRISONERS

Kitchener Reports They Have Appeared Along Railway in Neighborhood of Rheinstorf.

Capetown, Jan. 5.—An emergency meeting of the cabinet was convened at noon today after a long communication between the British high commissioner, Sir Alfred Milner, and the premier, Sir J. Gordon Sprigg. An important pronouncement is expected.

PRISONERS RELEASED.

London, Jan. 5.—The Boers have released the members of the regiment captured at Helvetia, December 29.

BOERS REAPPEAR.

London, Jan. 5.—Lord Kitchener reports to the war office, under date of Pretoria, January 4, as follows: "The Boers have reappeared along the railway in this neighborhood of Rheinstorf, but it is doubtful if Dewet is with them. With regard to the situation in Cape Colony, the western commando seems to be making towards the east and the eastern party appears to have broken up into small parties. Another small body crossed the Orange river west of Allard North yesterday."

# CENTER OF POPULATION.

It is Lat. 39 Degr. 9 Hrs. 30 Mins. Long. 85 Degr. 48 Hrs. 54 Mins.

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In ten years the center of population has moved westward 16 hours, 30 minutes, about 14 miles, and southward 2 hours, 20 minutes, or about three miles. It now rests in southern Indiana, at a point about seven miles southeast of the city of Columbus.

Judge Majarries' Suspension.

Manila, Jan. 5.—The Philippine commission has made permanent the suspension of Judge MacArthur of Judge Majarries of the court of first instance, for improper administration of his duties.

Yu Hsien's Execution Confirmed.

Paris, Jan. 5.—The foreign office is advised from Shanghai under date of Jan. 3, that advice from Sir E. Malet, the British minister in Peking, that Yu Hsien (the former governor of Shan Si, guilty of massacring about fifty missionaries, whom he had invited to accept his protection) Dec. 19, by order of the dowager empress. Prince Tuan is still at Ningbo.

There are thirty thousand Chinese regulars at Sian Fu. The court has made no preparations to return.

# THE REORGANIZATION BILL

Has Been Completed So Far as Senate Committee Amendments Are Concerned.

Mr. Money Speaks on Volunteer Officers in Regular Army—They Should be Appointed He Says.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The army reorganization bill, so far as the committee amendments are concerned, has been completed. All committee amendments except those to which objection had been offered were agreed to.

When the Senate convened today two resolutions offered yesterday by Mr. Pettigrew were continued until Monday. A bill extending the mining laws to saline lands was passed. It declares all unoccupied public lands containing salt deposits to be subject to location and purchase under the mining law.

The Senate then proceeded to the consideration of the army reorganization bill.

Mr. Proctor of Vermont offered as an amendment to section 22, the provision introduced by himself yesterday, concerning vacancies in the position of chief of staff. The amendment was adopted.

When the section of the bill was reached providing for the appointment of volunteer officers to be officers in the regular army, an extended discussion ensued.

Mr. Money declared there were many officers in the volunteer army who were as clearly entitled as gentlemen and officers, to commissions in the regular army as the cadets, who, by hazing and by their testimony before investigating committees, "are today disgracing the whole country at West Point."

The committee amendment providing that volunteer officers might be appointed to second lieutenants was disagreed to, thus restoring the House provision that volunteer officers might be appointed to the grade of first lieutenant.

# HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Speaker Henderson was again today detained at his home by illness, and Mr. Dalzell of Pennsylvania, by designation of the Speaker, presided over the deliberations of the House. Without intervening business, the debate on the reorganization bill was resumed.

Mr. Littlefield of Maine was the first speaker. His argument was in favor of the Burleigh bill. That bill provided for a House of 386 members. Mr. Littlefield declared that the Hopkins bill could properly be entitled "An Act to Cripple the State of Maine in Her Representation in the House and in the Electoral College." He resented what he termed Mr. Hopkins' "assault" on the State of Maine. That statement drew from Mr. Hopkins an indignant denial, which led to a sharp exchange between the two members.

Mr. Littlefield sarcastically called Mr. Hopkins' attention to the men who, like Lovjoy and Fuller, had gone to Illinois to give distinction to that State. "Yet," he said, "the gentleman's speech yesterday was saturated with a petty-fogging assault upon Maine."

The colloquy between Mr. Littlefield and Mr. Hopkins became exceedingly sharp at times. Mr. Hopkins claimed that Mr. Littlefield had violated the rule with reference to the second person about fifty times.

"The gentleman is becoming exceedingly technical and pedantic," retorted Littlefield. "I will refer to him later in the third person and later still I anticipate that he will have shrunk sufficiently to permit me to refer to him in the fourth or fifth person, and perhaps in the end I can eliminate him altogether." (Laughter and applause.)

Oleomargarine Bill Hearing.

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# CONVICTED MAN GAINS FREEDOM

J. H. Williamson Discharged by Judge Cherry This Morning

ON WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

Is Released From State Prison Under the Recent Ruling of the Supreme Court.

J. H. Williams, a convict in the State prison, was a lucky man today, in that he gained his discharge from prison. The prisoners petitioned Judge Cherry and was brought before his honor this morning on writ of habeas corpus, who, under the recent ruling of the Supreme Court to the effect that where district attorneys signed informations in criminal cases instead of the county attorneys, the proceedings were illegal, ordered the prisoner discharged.

Williams was convicted of fornication in the Fifth district (Iron county) court on September 18, 1898, and sentenced to four years in the State prison, and has been in that institution for the past sixteen months. He walked out of court today a free man.

WANT WILL PROBABLY.

Heirs of the Late Charles H. Crow File a Petition in Probate Court.

Mary S. Crow, Alma H. Crow, John E. Crow, Thomas W. Crow, Charles S. Crow, George H. Crow today filed their petition in the probate division of the district court for the probate of the will of the late Charles H. Crow, who died on the 27th of last month in this city.

The petition states that the deceased left a will which was among his papers in possession of the petitioners and the last of December, but since that time this valuable paper has been missing and none of the above parties can account for it. The petitioners say, however, that they think the will was destroyed by mistake unintentionally destroyed with some valuable papers left by the deceased. The substance of the document is set forth as near as the petitioners can remember, which is: The deceased bequeathed all of his property of every kind to his widow, Mary S. Crow, and at her death the remainder to be divided equally among his six sons who constitute the petitioners, except Alma H. Crow, and John E. Crow, who have already received ten rods by thirty-six feet of real estate. The widow and five sons named above, together with Franklin Crow, are the heirs, the latter being absent from the State.

The value of the property as stated in the petition is given as follows: Various banks, \$6,232; mercantile, saddle and harness business, at No. 58 east First South street, \$1,500; three pieces of real property, and store building, at No. 58 east First South street, of the probable value of \$5,000; total, \$17,732.

The heirs ask the court to appoint Alma H. Crow as administrator of the estate.

Estate of S. M. Barratt Deceased.

Mrs. Matilda M. Barratt filed a petition, asking the court to appoint George A. Smith administrator of the estate of her son, Samuel M. Barratt, who died in this city December 25th last. The petition states the deceased died possessed of a part of lot 5, block 16, plat A, Salt Lake City survey, valued at \$5,000; and personal property, consisting of \$1,000; total, \$6,000.

The deceased was unmarried and left no heirs except his mother.

Short Orders.

The following orders were made by Judge Cherry in the civil division of the district court this forenoon: Abial B. Sawyer vs Salt Lake City, motion for new trial heretofore submitted, overruled.

S. L. City Water and Electric Power vs Salt Lake City et al; Dey & Street withdrew as counsel for plaintiff.

Fred Martin vs Highland Boy Gold Mining Co; suit dismissed on plaintiff's motion.

Edward Home vs Buckeye Mining company; thirty days given in which to prepare, serve and file bill of exceptions. Stay of execution granted.

Addison Caln vs Gill S. Peyton et al; judgment for plaintiff in sum of \$452.75.

Chas. Hirschman vs Nelson Judson Drug company. Continued by consent.

M. E. Mulvey vs J. Schenck et al; demurrer withdrawn, and ten days given to answer.

Ellen Maria vs Mark E. Swan et al; demand for security for costs withdrawn.

PLEASE INCIDENT.

Judge Hiles and Lawyers Exchange Mutual Compliments This Morning.

A large number of attorneys belonging to the Salt Lake bar gathered in Judge Hiles' court room this morning, and after his honor disposed of a few matters of minor importance, he addressed the lawyers before him, thanking them for the respect they had shown while practicing in his court, and said that he retired from the bench with kindly feelings toward all.

Attorney Frank Pierce, on behalf of the members of the bar, thanked the judge for his kind words, and said during his judgeship he had won the profound respect and esteem of all the attorneys, and that he believed his services had been in the interest of equity and justice, and in accordance with the law, and he believed his services had been in the interest of equity and justice, and in accordance with the law, and he believed his services had been in the interest of equity and justice, and in accordance with the law.

The incident went a long way toward showing the esteem and respect in which Judge Hiles is held after years of service. Some of the new judges were also present, and they also concurred in the foregoing sentiments.

Warranty Deed.

A warranty deed was filed in the recorder's office today conveying from Jeannette Richards Young Esq. Esq. to the estate of Nabie Y. Clawson, for \$7,166.66, 35 10-12 feet by 10 rods of lot 5, block 74, plat A, Salt Lake City survey.

BONDS.

Church Bonds ..... 103 00  
S. L. City R. R. Bonds ..... 102 00

# CONCERT FOR THE ORGANBUILDER

The testimonial to Joseph Ridges, builder of the Tabernacle organ, is already an assured success. After the musical and dramatic pages of the "News" had gone to press, it was learned that the Church authorities had not only granted the free use of the Tabernacle for the event, but that they had agreed to subscribe for 500 tickets and had appointed Messrs. Rieker J. Grant and Reed Smoot a committee to take charge of the financial part of the affair. George D. Pyper, manager of the concert, has been appointed to act in conjunction with these gentlemen, and all requests for tickets, subscriptions etc., should be forwarded to him. Prof. Stephens will be at the head of the program committee and the work will be done at once with the friends of the organ. The committee is now making the testimonial a record breaker both in point of attendance and in brilliance of musical numbers.

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